The Hemisphere of Plunder: Guatemala and the Blueprint of Empire

El Pulpo (United Fruit Company), the Mayan Genocide, and the Birth of CIA Psychological Warfare

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Editor's Note: This is the next installment in our ongoing autopsy of the Hemisphere of Plunder. To understand the modern American proxy war — to dissect how the CIA weaponizes psychology, subverts democracies, and outsources genocide to protect corporate profit margins — you must look at the blueprint. Guatemala is where the modern machinery of American covert slaughter was perfected. It is the site of the "Silent Holocaust." It was the center of new CIA Agenda thinking that spread. As you read, you will feel familiarity with the present, with Israel, with Ukraine, with Africa… When we speak of gods for the American, it is the corporate god Capital, the deity also worshiped by the Dulles brothers, the chief architects, on Capital's behalf, of all you see now. Capital creates aristocrats, and the naturalness of their descent into superiority requires fascist tools. We will walk you from the ancient Mayan earth, through the boardrooms of the Dulles brothers, the US creation of the psychotically sadistic Kaibiles, down into the blood-mud of Rubicon's combat deployments. Ignorantia non excusat.

El Pulpo (The Corporate Strangling by Chiquita)

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> ***“And why do they want to be free if they don’t know how to be free? Freedom is not a favor that is granted nor a right that is won. One is free even when one lacks freedom. Chains and prisons do not prevent a man from being free. A man’s freedom is not like the freedom of birds, which is satisfied by the fluttering of a scent. A man’s freedom lies in his conscience.”***
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> *— Jacinto Canek*

> **What were they asking from their god? Basically, success in slaughtering human beings, but, by all means, save themselves from anything untoward. They said many ridiculous things, but what they prayed for was an exact match for the prayers to the Babylonian Fire God in the days of Anu and Baal:**
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> ***Let them die, but let me live!***
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> ***Let them be put under a ban, but let me prosper!***
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> ***Let them perish, but let me increase!***
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> ***Let them be weak, but let me wax strong!***
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> — X Rubicon, *Praying For Slaughter*

Vanguard: The Anatomy of a Blueprint

Hans P Guth taught us structural writing philosophy. A true beginning must not merely introduce a subject; it must both warn the reader, if need be, seize the reader by the throat, dismantle their comfortable illusions, and drag them into the inescapable gravity of the thesis.

Here is the thesis of Guatemala: The slaughter of the Mayan people was not a tragic accident of the Cold War. It was a scientifically managed, bureaucratically insulated corporate project, subsidized by the American taxpayer, and executed by eighteen-year-old boys to protect the profit margins of a fruit company. In Central America, the U.S. has orchestrated fascist slaughter on a massive scale, and Guatemala was its Blueprint for the new Agenda for the world.

In 1954, the United States government crossed a Rubicon from which it never returned. Operation PBSUCCESS was the genesis of modern CIA psychological warfare. It was the exact moment the American empire realized it was cheaper politically to hack the mind of a sovereign nation than to invade it with Marines.

For over seventy years, the American public has been fed a sanitized mythology about the spread of democracy and the defense of the free world. In the essay that follows, we will perform a forensic autopsy on that lie. We will trace the blood from the mahogany boardrooms of the Dulles brothers and the public relations desks of Edward Bernays, straight down into the swamp mud where Rubicon drove a blackened blade into the chests of four men. Be prepared, because the butchery, the scale and violence documented by history, destroys **all** of the cute notions fed to you as a child in school.

This is not a passive historical review. It is an active moral indictment. You are about to witness the blueprint of the American empire. If you choose to read further, you permanently forfeit the alibi of ignorance.

The Pre-Columbian Reality: The Mayan Civilization and the Myth of the Wilderness

La Serpiente Emplumada Misterios y Leyendas de Quetzalcoatl

To justify the theft of land, the imperialist must first erase the humanity of its inhabitants. The foundational lie of Western expansion in the Americas (and elsewhere) — the myth perpetuated by Spanish conquistadors and later adopted wholesale by American corporate colonizers — is the concept of the *terra nullius* — ***the empty land*** (we know you see the pattern, we know you know that Palestine was not the first). The untamed wilderness populated by primitive, unlettered savages desperately requiring the “civilizing” management of European and American overlords.

This is a grotesque historical fraud.

Before the European boots touched the soil of what is now Guatemala, the region was the beating heart of one of the most densely populated, mathematically advanced, and architecturally staggering civilizations in human history: the Maya.

The Mayan civilization did not exist in a state of primitive survival; they mastered their environment. They constructed massive, sprawling urban centers — metropolises of stone and mortar that rivaled or exceeded the scale and cleanliness of European capitals of the same era. They possessed a deep, complex understanding of astronomy, charting the cosmos with an accuracy that astounds modern scientists. They independently conceived the mathematical concept of zero. They engineered sophisticated, sustainable agricultural networks, utilizing terracing and raised fields to feed populations that numbered in the millions.

Most importantly, the Mayan societal structure was rooted in a profound, existential connection to the earth itself. The land was not a commodity to be partitioned, extracted, and traded on a foreign stock exchange; it was the sacred, living foundation of their existence. This intrinsic bond to the soil is the critical context for everything that follows. When a people’s entire physical and spiritual identity is bound to the earth, the theft of that earth is not merely an economic displacement. It is an annihilation of the soul.

The First Erasure: Pedro de Alvarado and the Birth of the Agrarian Elite

> **“*The white people made these lands foreign to the Indian; they made the Indian pay with his blood for the air he breathes.*”**

— Jacinto Canek

The apocalypse arrived in 1524, led by the Spanish conquistador Pedro de Alvarado. Sent by Hernán Cortés following the fall of *Tenochtitlan*, Alvarado’s campaign into the Guatemalan highlands was not a military triumph; it was a campaign of utter eradication.

The true weapon of mass destruction deployed against the Maya, however, was not the Toledo steel of the Spanish sword, nor the primitive firearms of the infantry. It was biological warfare. Smallpox, typhus, and measles — ***diseases cultivated in the filth of European cities and carried across the***

Atlantic in the blood of the conquerors — swept through the indigenous populations ahead of the marching armies. The virus did the heavy lifting for the empire.

Within a century of European contact, the demographic collapse was absolute. The indigenous population of the region was decimated, with mortality rates approaching 80 to 90 percent. It was an apocalyptic erasure, clearing the vast, fertile expanses of the Guatemalan highlands for the ultimate objective of the colonial project: ruthless resource extraction.

To manage this newly emptied landscape, the Spanish Crown instituted the *encomienda* system, granting vast tracts of stolen land — and the surviving indigenous people upon it — to the conquistadors. The surviving Maya were stripped of their sovereignty and transformed instantly into chattel. They became disposable slave labor forced to harvest wealth from their own ancestral lands for the benefit of a foreign crown.

This is the original sin of Guatemala. The *encomienda* system forged a brutal, race-based caste architecture. It established a tiny, iron-fisted agrarian elite — families of European descent who monopolized the country's arable land, its wealth, and its political power.

This elite class did not vanish when the Spanish Empire retreated. They simply traded one imperial patron for another. They became the oligarchs who would, centuries later, welcome the United Fruit Company with open arms. They became the local partners in the Dulles brothers' corporate racketeering. They became the political cover for the CIA's death squads.

The violence that Rubicon would eventually be deployed to execute in the 1980s did not materialize out of the Cold War ether. It was the direct, inevitable continuation of a war that began in 1524 — a war to ensure that the indigenous people of Guatemala never regained control of the earth beneath their feet.

The Corporate State: El Pulpo and the Weaponization of the Mind

El Pulpo Chaquita

Prior to the time of the Monroe Doctrine (1823), minerals, gold, silver, sugar, coffee, and dyes were the items worth killing for. When transport of fruit, specifically bananas, became industrially profitable, the slaughter rose in concert.

If the Spanish conquistadors laid the foundation of the agrarian oligarchy, it was American capitalism that industrialized it. The transition from Spanish colony to American “Banana Republic” was seamless. The local elites who controlled the land found their ultimate patron in Wall Street, and the resulting entity became a sovereign power unto itself: the United Fruit Company (UFCO).

To understand the sheer, unadulterated criminality of this corporate empire, one must examine its DNA. The roots of the United Fruit Company trace back to the mid-19th century and a man named Henry Meiggs. Meiggs was not a statesman or a visionary; he was a fugitive. Fleeing severe fraud charges, mounting debts, and active arrest warrants in California, Meiggs escaped to South America, where he began ruthlessly exploiting local labor to build railroads. His nephew, Minor C. Keith, took this model of grift and exploitation to Central America, laying railroad tracks over the corpses of thousands of expendable workers. To offset the massive debts of the railroad, Keith began planting bananas alongside the tracks, eventually merging his operations with the Boston Fruit Company to create UFCO in 1899. Later, to rebrand from slaughter, the renamed themselves United Brands, then Chiquita Brands.

The corporation was quite literally born from fraud, fugitive capital, and expendable lives.

In Guatemala, UFCO became known as *El Pulpo* — The Octopus. The nickname was terrifyingly accurate. UFCO owned the country's only railroad. It owned the only major seaport (Puerto Barrios). It owned the telegraph and telephone networks. **At its height, it owned or controlled a staggering 42 percent of all the land in Guatemala**, keeping the vast majority of it deliberately uncultivated to artificially control global banana prices, while the indigenous Mayan population starved on the margins.

The Dulles Syndicate: Smedley Butler's Racket Institutionalized

When a democratic revolution in 1944 finally swept away the U.S.-backed dictators and installed leaders intent on modernization, the corporate state faced a crisis. In 1951, the democratically elected president, Jacobo Árbenz, passed Decree 900 — a moderate, fundamentally capitalist agrarian reform law designed to buy back uncultivated land and distribute it to landless peasants. **The brilliant, fatal justice of Árbenz's plan was that he offered to compensate United Fruit for the seized land at the *exact value* the company had fraudulently declared on its tax returns for years to cheat the Guatemalan government.**

United Fruit screamed foul. And the men who answered that scream were the most powerful figures in the United States government.

This is where the illusion of American foreign policy completely dissolves into the racketeering Smedley Butler warned us about. The Secretary of State was **John Foster Dulles**. The Director of the CIA was his brother, **Allen Dulles**. Both were capitalist sociopath evangelists. Prior to their government appointments, both men were senior partners at Sullivan & Cromwell, the high-powered Wall Street law firm that represented the United Fruit Company.

The Dulles brothers were not objective statesmen calculating the geopolitical needs of the American republic; they were corporate lawyers using the United States military and its clandestine intelligence apparatus as a private, taxpayer-funded enforcement arm to protect their own financial portfolios and the monopolies of their clients. President Dwight D. Eisenhower — the man who would later leave office hypocritically warning the public about the "military-industrial complex" he himself had weaponized to its absolute extent — cheerfully signed off on the operation, influenced by his own close personal friendships with UFCO board members and executives.

The "Angel in Public" smiled his grandfatherly grin while privately ordering the destruction of a democracy to save the profit margins of a fruit company.

Let us pause to observe the sheer, sociopathic banality of this arrangement. The destruction of a sovereign nation and the ignition of a genocide were not debated in the halls of Congress under the heavy weight of constitutional duty. The fate of millions of indigenous Mayans was decided over country-club martinis, in the mahogany-paneled boardrooms of Wall Street, and whispered between golf swings. The Dulles brothers reduced the blood of a civilization to a line item on a corporate balance sheet. This is the origin point of the modern American empire: a state apparatus functioning exclusively as the private security detail for the ruling class.

The Bastardization of Psychoanalysis: Edward Bernays

But to deploy the CIA against a sovereign, democratic nation, the U.S. government needed a narrative. They needed to convince the American public that a modest land reform policy in a country the size of Tennessee was somehow an existential threat to the survival of the United States.

They did not turn to intelligence analysts for this narrative. They turned to **Edward Bernays**.

Bernays, hired as UFCO's public relations counsel, was the nephew of Sigmund Freud and the self-proclaimed "father of public relations." As Dr. Juan Idalgo's forensic lens makes terrifyingly clear, what Bernays executed was the clinical weaponization of psychology. Bernays intentionally bastardized his uncle's clinical insights into the human subconscious, bypassing the critical, rational faculties of the American public to trigger their most primal, irrational fears.

Bernays did not just run a PR campaign; he engineered a mass psychological manipulation. He organized "fact-finding" junkets for lazy American journalists, feeding them pre-written, sanitized narratives that painted Árbenz as a Soviet puppet establishing a "Communist beachhead" in America's backyard. He effectively projected the American public's nuclear-age paranoia directly onto the bodies of starving Mayan peasants.

This was state-sponsored psychological warfare turned inward against the American electorate. Bernays manufactured the ignorance that the public was only too eager to consume. He provided the anesthetic that allowed the American taxpayer to cheerfully fund the coming genocide without ever losing a night of sleep.

The Legacy of Blood: From UFCO to Chiquita Brands

Do not make the mistake of believing this is ancient, closed history. The corporate entity simply rebranded to survive. The United Fruit Company eventually changed its name to United Brands, and later to **Chiquita Brands International**.

The bloodlust in the corporate DNA never mutated; it simply adapted to the modern era. We need only look at the Department of Justice records from 2007, when Chiquita Brands International formally pleaded guilty and paid a $25 million fine for admitting to making regular, extensive financial payments to the *Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia* (AUC) — a brutally violent, paramilitary death squad funded by the CIA, to keep Colombia off-kilter, that the U.S. government had explicitly designated as a Foreign Terrorist Organization.

Chiquita admitted to funding terrorism. They paid death squads to protect their banana plantations while those same paramilitaries were slaughtering union organizers, peasants, and indigenous leaders in Colombia. It is the exact same racket, operating with the exact same ruthless impunity, updated for the 21st century.

When the American consumer buys the fruit on their breakfast table, or drinks the coffee sourced from the highlands of Central America, they are participating in the final step of a supply chain lubricated by human blood. The term "Banana Republic" is not a cute fashion brand; it is a permanent crime scene. The cheap fruit was subsidized by the slaughter of the Mayan people and the psychological destruction of the 18-year-old American boys sent into the jungle to enforce the monopoly.

Ignorantia non excusat. The consumer who willfully ignores the blood on the supply chain is complicit in the slaughter.

Operation PBSUCCESS: The Blueprint of Psychological Warfare and the Death of Democracy

The Global Blueprint (The Mahogany Room)

CIA Digraphs

In the ‘50s the CIA developed cryptographic digraphs for countries and regions. Operation names, such as PBSUCCESS, carried the digraph and the actual operation name, usually a goal or Agenda. So, just as KMSEIZE meant Seize in Nicaragua, and DTFROGS meant invasive communications and subversive groups into 1954 El Salvador, and KMFLUSH meant subversion communications and groups in Nicaragua (specific radio stations in Nicaragua used to subvert Guatelmala carried operation names such as SCRANTON and SARANAC), so Israel was KK — KKMOUNTAIN being the highly sensitive, multi-million dollar covert funding mechanism established in the mid-20th century to support the Israeli Mossad in conducting intelligence operations across North Africa and the Middle East. Palestine was never designated a digraph, and was covered under KK (Israel), CA (Egypt), CH (Jordan), CQ (Lebanon), etc… When tracking operations across borders the CIA would drop digraphs; and, eventually, digraphs were disposed of entirely as a security flaw.

PBSUCCESS - Success in Guatemala

To understand the modern American empire, you must study the exact moment the mask permanently slipped. 1954 is the Rubicon of U.S. foreign policy in the Western Hemisphere. Operation PBSUCCESS, the CIA-orchestrated overthrow of Guatemala’s democratically elected President Jacobo

Árbenz, was the definitive, undeniable proof that the United States government views democracy not as a sacred right, but as a conditional privilege — one that will be instantly obliterated the moment it threatens a corporate profit margin.

But the sheer, unadulterated evil of Operation PBSUCCESS lies in its methodology. The CIA did not send a massive Marine expeditionary force to storm the capital, as they had in previous decades. Such an overt display of imperialism would have damaged the post-WWII American illusion. Instead, they invaded the minds of the Guatemalan people.

Operation PBSUCCESS was the birth of modern CIA psychological warfare.

Guided by the overarching subversion, what John Pilger's investigations called the "Pilger Framework" — the manufacturing of grassroots uprisings out of thin air — the CIA orchestrated a masterclass in state-sponsored psychological terror. They did not need a real army to defeat Árbenz; they only needed the *illusion* of an army. The CIA scraped together a pathetic, vastly outnumbered band of mercenaries and exiles led by Carlos Castillo Armas, stationed them just across the Honduran border, and then weaponized the airwaves to inflate them into a phantom juggernaut.

The CIA established a clandestine pirate radio station, *Voice of Liberation*, broadcasting from Miami and neighboring proxy states. They systematically jammed the Guatemalan government's own radio signals. They broadcast fabricated reports of massive troop movements, overwhelming rebel victories, and imminent, apocalyptic airstrikes. When Árbenz's commanders tuned their radios to assess the threat, they heard nothing but CIA-scripted panic, meticulously designed to induce a nationwide psychological collapse.

To seal the illusion, the CIA flew unmarked Cessnas over Guatemala City, dropping blocks of dynamite — not high-explosive military ordnance, but crude noise-makers — designed to simulate the terrifying acoustic footprint of a massive, unrelenting bombing campaign.

The Theater of Paranoia (PBSUCCESS)

We must emphasize the sheer, terrifying creativity of Operation PBSUCCESS. The CIA did not conquer Guatemala with a physical army; they conquered it with an aggressive, immersive installation of psychological theater. By weaponizing the airwaves and dropping noise-makers from the sky, they painted a masterpiece of invisible terror directly onto the canvas of the Guatemalan subconscious. They understood that the most paralyzing shadows are the ones the mind projects onto itself. It was the absolute weaponization of the imagination — a technique of lethal illusion that would forever change how the American empire paints its wars.

As a clinical intervention of state-sponsored terror, it was flawless. The CIA effectively hacked the central nervous system of the Guatemalan military. Árbenz's generals did not defect because they were outgunned on the battlefield; they defected because the CIA broke their minds. They surrendered to a phantom. On June 27, 1954, Árbenz was forced to resign, fleeing into exile while the United States installed Castillo Armas — a brutal, compliant dictator eager to return the expropriated lands to the United Fruit Company.

The United States did not murder a dictator in 1954; it murdered a democracy to install a dictator.

In doing so, the CIA authored the original, blood-soaked blueprint for every covert regime change that followed. From the 1973 overthrow of Salvador Allende in Chile to the 21st-century machinations in Ukraine and across the African continent, the formula remains perfectly intact: manufacture the crisis, hijack the information space, induce psychological panic, and install the corporate proxy.

But the horror of PBSUCCESS was merely the prologue. The overthrow of Árbenz ignited a thirty-six-year civil war — a sustained, multi-decade campaign of state terror against the indigenous population that would span successive U.S. administrations.

It was a lineage of violence that would eventually culminate in the unapologetic, smiling fascism of the 1980s. Ronald Reagan, an actor who spent his career playing the heroic American cowboy and federal agent tracking "commies", would later look the American public in the eye and specifically, repeatedly threaten violence upon the region while flashing his trademark, grandfatherly grin. Reagan's public defense of Guatemalan butchers — calling men who were orchestrating the extermination of the Maya "men of great personal integrity" — was the ultimate realization of the *Angel in Public, Devil in Secret* paradigm.

The American public paid for the radio transmitters. They paid for the dynamite dropped from the Cessnas. They paid the salaries of the Dulles brothers. And they would soon pay for the weapons that would turn the Guatemalan highlands into a vast, unmapped slaughterhouse.

The Ledger of the Dead and the Clinical Reality of the "Silent Holocaust"

The 1954 coup did not usher in an era of stability; it opened the gates to the abyss. The overthrow of Árbenz ignited a thirty-six-year conflict that Western media and compliant historians casually dismiss as the "Guatemalan Civil War." Let us correct this sterilized vocabulary immediately. It was not a civil

war. It was a one-sided war of extermination waged by a U.S.-funded military apparatus against its own civilian population.

It was the "Silent Holocaust."

The primary targets were not armed combatants. They were the indigenous Maya. To the racist, agrarian elite and their CIA handlers, the deep, ancestral connection the Mayans held to the land made them an existential threat to the corporate doctrine of limitless extraction. They were treated as an infestation to be cleansed.

The peak of this butchery occurred in the early 1980s under the dictatorship of General Efraín Ríos Montt, a man who would eventually be convicted of genocide and crimes against humanity. Under his "scorched earth" campaigns, hundreds of indigenous villages were wiped off the map. Men were tortured and executed. Women and girls were systematically subjected to mass rape before being slaughtered. Infants were smashed against rocks to save ammunition. And through it all, the military, intelligence, and financial pipelines from Washington remained wide open, ensuring the dictatorship never ran out of bullets, helicopters, or political cover.

Look at the aesthetics of this erasure. The Mayan civilization is visually defined by profound, living color — the brilliant, woven geometries of their textiles, the deep jade of the jungle canopy, the rich terracotta of their ancestral earth. The "scorched earth" campaigns of Ríos Montt were designed to annihilate this palette entirely. The state sought to reduce a vibrant, ancient culture to the monochromatic gray of ash and the stark white of bleached, unburied bone. The U.S. government did not just fund a military campaign; they funded the deliberate visual and cultural starvation of the highlands, replacing the color of life with the uniform, suffocating blackness of the mass grave.

If you want to understand the true cost of the empire's banana supply, you must look at the ledger of the dead.

Official, UN-backed truth commissions place the death toll between 200,000 and 300,000. But to the proper historian, and to the trauma-informed clinician, these official numbers are a bureaucratic obscenity. They rely on the recovery of bodies. They deliberately fail to account for the true metric of state terror: the *desaparecidos*. The disappeared.

When accounting for the systematic, unrecorded erasure of native Mayans across the Guatemalan highlands and bleeding over the borders, indigenous rights advocates and historians place the true death toll between 1.5 million and 3 million human beings.

And the exact tally of the dead resulting from the covert actions of American operators — from Rubicon's AC-130H gunship strikes to the lethal incursions of other U.S. Special Forces — remains entirely hidden. **The U.S. government has classified those operational logs until 2085.** The state seals the records so that the architects and operators will be a century in the grave before the public is allowed to read the receipts of their own taxpayer-funded genocide.

Ambiguous Loss: The Weaponization of Grief

We must pause here to inject the clinical, forensic reality of what it means to "disappear" a population.

The state does not use “disappearances” merely to eliminate political opponents or clear land. As Dr. Juan Idalgo’s forensic analysis makes terrifyingly clear, disappearing a human being is a highly specific, calculated tactic of psychological warfare. It is designed to inflict what clinicians call *Ambiguous Loss*.

When a state murders a man and leaves his body in the street, the family grieves. The community mourns. Eventually, the trauma scabs over, and from that scar tissue, political resistance can form.

But when a state *disappears* a son, a husband, or a daughter, they deny the family the biological and psychological closure of a corpse. They hold the collective psyche of the Mayan people hostage in a state of permanent, agonizing limbo. The mother who does not know if her child is dead or being tortured in a CIA-funded black site cannot heal. Her child or husband may be be secretly buried, incinerated, vaporized, “disappeared”. There is no evidence or record of the person leaving the mortal plain. Her grief is paralyzed. This is state-sponsored psychopathy — the intentional infliction of an open, unhealed transgenerational wound, engineered to paralyze an entire civilization and prevent them from ever organizing against their corporate overlords.

The United States did not just fund the physical slaughter of the Maya. It funded the psychological mutilation of their descendants. And it did so knowingly, systematically, and without a shred of remorse.

The American Hand: U.S. Special Forces, the Kaibiles, and the Bureaucratization of Sadism

The average American citizen, consuming the sanitized evening news, believes that U.S. involvement in Central America was limited to diplomatic support and perhaps the shipping of surplus rifles. They believe that if atrocities happened, they were the unfortunate excesses of local, undisciplined troops operating beyond American control.

This is the most successful, most lethal lie of the 20th century. The United States was not an observer. The United States was the architect, the instructor, and the vanguard.

Just as the U.S. intervened with covert operations in El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Colombia, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Department of Defense utilized Guatemala as a primary laboratory for counterinsurgency warfare. The U.S. was sticking forks into countries with many prongs — Army Rangers, Navy SEALs, Green Berets, Air Force Scouts (commandos), and Marine Expeditionary Forces (MEF) — and the hand wielding the fork was always the CIA.

These elite U.S. operators did not merely drop off weapons and leave. They embedded. They advised. They killed directly. And, critically, they trained the most ruthless proxy forces the hemisphere has ever seen. And when the CIA wanted absolute results, these special forces made U.S. war with U.S. plans and U.S. equipment and U.S. “Agenda”.

The Kaibiles: US Psychopathy at the Tip of the Spear

To grasp the true nature and sickness of American foreign policy in Guatemala, requires you must look at the *Kaibiles*.

The *Kaibiles* are an elite, hyper-violent Guatemalan special operations force. They were created in 1974, entirely modeled on U.S. Army Rangers and Green Berets, and trained directly by U.S. military advisors at the School of the Americas (SOA) and in the jungles of Guatemala. The U.S. explicitly trained them to act as the tip of the spear in the "Silent Holocaust" against the Mayan population.

The *Kaibiles* were intentionally forged into psychological and physical monsters. Their US crafted training involved extreme physical abuse, sleep deprivation, and the forced slaughter of animals to desensitize them to blood and suffering — the precise inversion of human empathy that Rubicon underwent in his own "Psychological Kill Training." The *Kaibiles* were indoctrinated with a simple, fascistic creed: *"If I advance, follow me. If I stop, urge me on. If I retreat, kill me."*

These were the men who executed the infamous 1982 ***Dos Erres* massacre**. Disguised as leftist guerrillas (a classic CIA false-flag tactic), a patrol of *Kaibiles* entered the village of Dos Erres. Over three days, they systematically tortured, raped, and murdered more than 200 men, women, and children. They smashed infants' heads against trees and threw their bodies down a well.

This was not a rogue unit. This was the U.S. military's pedagogical masterpiece. The *Kaibiles* were performing exactly as they were trained to perform, using the tactics and the ideological justifications provided to them by their American instructors.

The KUBARK Manual: The Bureaucratization of Psychopathy

We must be forensically exact about how this training was imparted. The United States didn't just provide guns and vague anti-communist rhetoric; they provided the curriculum for state terror.

In the late 1990s, declassified documents revealed that the CIA had distributed training manuals — most notably the 1963 **KUBARK Counterintelligence Interrogation** manual and the 1983 Human Resource Exploitation Training Manual — to these Latin American proxy forces. These manuals were distributed through the School of the Americas and mobile training teams.

Let us drop the bureaucratic euphemisms. The KUBARK manual is an instructional guide for psychological and physical torture. It explicitly teaches the use of sensory deprivation, solitary confinement, threats of pain, the manipulation of fear, and the systematic dismantling of a prisoner's psychological defenses to induce regression and compliance.

As Dr. Juan Idalgo's forensic lens demands we recognize: this is the clinical bureaucratization of sadism. The CIA took the darkest, most psychopathic impulses of human violence and turned them into a sterile, administrative checklist. **They codified torture into a syllabus.** They taught proxy forces how to maximize agony and shatter the human mind with maximum efficiency, and then exported those binders into the Guatemalan jungle.

Hannah Arendt's autopsy of totalitarianism warns us that the most profound evil is never committed by sociopathic monsters, but by terrifyingly normal bureaucrats treating human lives as administrative hurdles. The authors of the KUBARK manual were desk-killers. They reduced the agonizing physical and mental dismantling of the human psyche into sterile, numbered paragraphs, perfectly insulating themselves from the screams of the victims. This is the banality of evil refined to its absolute limit: the complete erasure of the moral barrier between the administrator in Langley and the torturer in the Guatemalan highlands.

The U.S. intelligence apparatus did not just look the other way when torture happened; they wrote the textbook.

The American public, willfully ignorant in their suburban homes, funded the printing of those manuals. They paid the salaries of the Green Berets who taught the *Kaibiles* how to execute a scorched-earth campaign. And while the citizens consumed the propaganda that their country was "defending freedom" from the Soviets, the actual, literal freedom of the Mayan people was being systematically erased by U.S.-trained death squads operating exactly according to the CIA's lesson plan.

As Dr. Juan Idalgo's forensic analysis demands we recognize: when the state writes a manual on how to dismantle a human mind through sensory deprivation, electrocution, and psychological terror, it commits a dual crime. It obviously destroys the victim, but it also systematically annihilates the soul of the interrogator. The CIA engineered a pedagogy of evil. They took the 18-year-old boys of the *Kaibiles*, stripped them of their innate human empathy, and programmed them into mechanized sadists. The American taxpayer did not just fund a war in Guatemala; they funded the research, development, and mass production of human psychopathy.

The Rubicon Chronology: The Somatic Reality of Empire

The geopolitics of empire — the CIA manuals, the funding streams, the School of the Americas — are abstractions. Abstractions are comfortable. They allow the citizen to debate foreign policy as if it were a chess match, moving pieces on a map from the sterile safety of a living room.

But war is not an abstraction. War is flesh, and mud, and bone. While the CIA and U.S. military turned local military into psychopathic killers of the civilian population, the need to destroy rebel forces who were actually good fighters and defeated local forces with precision, was handed to U.S. forces, in secret, and successes pinned on the local forces.

To break the anesthetic of your willful ignorance, we must drag you down into the physical, somatic reality of the operator on the ground. We must look at the exact moments where the bureaucratic directives of Washington were translated into the severing of human lives by U.S. men.

As you read the chronological deployment of Rubicon in Guatemala, do not look at him as a distant historical figure. Look at him as a kid from your town, your block, your neighborhood -- as your **instrument**. Your taxes bought his commando knife. Your votes authorized the AC-130H Spectre gunships. Your demand for cheap coffee, bananas, and anti-communist security theater put him in the jungle.

Read these missions and ask yourself: *What would I do?* And then realize the horrifying truth: *You have already done it.*

Cache Out 1 (June 1980): The Banality of the Bureaucrat

It begins with the absurd, deadly vanity of the desk-killer. Rubicon, an eighteen-year-old Scout, is dropped into the Guatemalan jungle to locate a rebel weapons cache. The environment is miserable — a suffocating, rain-soaked swamp where the heat is absolute and the leeches cover the skin.

> ***Guatemala. A country torn by civil war. Corporatists with US backing and military personnel trained by US forces and the School of the Americas (SOA). I was going into a country of which I was ignorant – of political and social forces. "You don't know what you don't know." But I know now. Indigenous people were being executed if they failed in any way to accept and endorse the European/US capitalist agenda. That agenda often included theft of land, murder, mayhem, rape, and torture (all by the government and government forces in league with, and with the blessing of, the US). Whole villages were wiped out because they had socialist leanings (they wanted to keep their land and property and not be forced to hand everything over to oligarchs growing the system. (I know! The nerve!). Why did the US have to do the dirty work for the Guatemalan (Salvadoran, Colombian, Honduran, Panamanian, Mexican…) "super duper supermen", when we had trained them how to butcher? Perhaps, because they didn't have C-130 gunships, but yet, they had great pals in the CIA who could order up gunships for them to be "Any Time, Any Place".***
>
> — X Rubicon, *Cache Out 1*

Rubicon locates the cache. It is unguarded. He carries the C-4 plastic explosives necessary to destroy it immediately and extract safely. But the operational directive from his commanding officer, Lieutenant Weasel — a man who has never seen combat, never bled, and commands from the safety of an air-conditioned base in Florida — is absolute: Rubicon is forbidden to destroy the target. He is only permitted to plant electronic beacons.

Why? Because the Lieutenant wants the glory of calling in an airstrike.

> ***Now I had to debrief with Lt Weasel and I was already pissed. Bill knew what was going to happen and told me, "Whatever he says, no matter how wrong, just say yessir." The Lt read what I had written for my report, then he turned to me with his lying eyes and high-pitched squeaky voice, "The pilot tells me you should have destroyed those caches yourself. We just can't have you going around making these decisions on your own. Why didn't you just destroy them?" Bill looked at me and shook his head no, but I just couldn't let Lt Weasel walk on that. So I told him, "You are so right sir! I should have followed your orders to a T." Bill smiled but the Lt just looked at me dumbfounded for about 30 seconds, stood up, said, "Well, OK", and he walked out. I knew this relationship was not going to go well.***
>
> *— ibid*

Rubicon is forced to crawl back through the leech-infested swamp, exposing himself to capture and death, simply so the Spectre gunship (*Wicked Wanda*) can fly in from 20,000 feet and shoot 105mm

Howitzer shells on an undefended target. When Rubicon later confronts the Lieutenant about the needless risk, the officer replies with the squeaky, forked tongue of arrogant indignation of a man who views soldiers as disposable pixels on a screen.

This is the banality of evil in practice. The operator's life is risked not for strategic necessity, but to satisfy the ego of a bureaucrat who views war as a career-advancement seminar. *You* empower the bureaucrats.

Baby (July 1980): The Rupture of the Soul

> ***With every child born, a new expectation enters the world.***
>
> *Differences* – A Passion For Truth – Abraham Joshua Heschel

The following month, Rubicon is ordered to ambush a massive rebel convoy moving through the jungle. He plants the road charges. The gunships arrive. The trap is sprung. The AC-130s rain 20mm and 40mm shells down on the trucks. The jungle is illuminated by the white-hot flash of burning vehicles and the screams of dying men and women.

Under the CIA's mandatory "Clean Up" protocol, Rubicon must walk the length of the burning convoy and ensure there are no survivors. No witnesses to U.S. involvement can be left alive.

As he moves through the gore, he hears a sound that shatters his Psychological Kill Training. It is a baby, crying in a sling by the side of the road, wounded by shrapnel.

The military programming demands he eliminate the witness or leave it to die. But the human soul violently rebels. Rubicon cleans the infant's wound, bandages the arm, and wraps the child in his poncho. But the true horror of the moment is the realization of *who* he must protect the child from. He cannot leave the baby for the Guatemalan government troops; they will slaughter a "communist" infant on sight. And he cannot take the baby back to the extraction point; the CIA will kill it to maintain operational secrecy.

> ***Leaving the baby was not an option. Government troops, who would be directed to the scene by the CIA, would arrive first to claim a success, and they would kill the "communist" baby. I couldn't take it back with me, as I thought the CIA would kill it or hand it over to Guatemalan governmental authorities who would have it killed; and my Lt Weasel would have conniptions if I brought it back to base.***
>
> — X Rubicon, *Baby*

Stop and read that again. Let the absolute moral inversion of that moment sink into your conscience. An American soldier, deployed by the "leader of the free world," realizes in the blood-soaked mud that the most lethal threat to an innocent, bleeding infant is *his own government*. The United States intelligence apparatus was so utterly devoid of humanity, so perfectly committed to the sanitized metrics of "Clean Up," that a baby was classified as a tactical liability to be executed. To save a life,

Rubicon had to commit an act of treason against the CIA. The empire had become the monster in the dark.

The United States apparatus is the supreme danger to the innocent.

Rubicon turns off his radio — risking court-martial and death by friendly fire — and runs three kilometers through the mud in the dark to leave the baby at the door of a village church, pulling the bell and vanishing before he is seen.

When you demand "lethality" from your military, this is what you are demanding. You are demanding that an eighteen-year-old boy suppress his basic human instinct to save a bleeding infant, and you brand him "defective" when he refuses to comply.

> ***"I love babies. They're so joyful and they spread that to those around them. But for me, babies also are a stark reminder of a particular baby no longer with a mother to love and care for it and watch it grow, which is the essence of motherhood."***
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> — Rubicon in X Rubicon: *Guilt, Repentance, & Change*

Guatemalan Funeral Pyre (November 1980): The Intimacy of the Blade

> ***"On a bright yet very cloudy night, with a torrential rain pouring down unceasingly, I dropped into the Guatemalan jungle to destroy a weapons cache. The cache was yet to be hidden away, sitting in crates underneath rain tarps. Because the cache was unhidden, four rebel guards protected the weapons at four corners of the cache. There would be no way to get at the cache without killing the guards, and the gunships couldn't see the cache from their vantage point without markers, but since the guards would be gone, there was no sense involving the gunships at all."***
>
> — X Rubicon, *Guatemalan Funeral Pyre*

The abstraction of aerial bombardment is replaced by the intimate, wet reality of hand-to-hand murder. Rubicon is dropped into a torrential downpour to destroy an unhidden weapons cache guarded by four rebels. The rain is too heavy for sniper fire, and suppressed pistols are too loud.

He must use the knife.

What would you do? Could you crawl through the mud, rise up behind a man staring into the rain, wrap your arm around his throat, and drive a ten-inch blackened blade up into his lung and heart? Could you feel the man's breath leave his body, hear the wet gurgle of his blood, and lower his corpse to the ground?

Rubicon has to do it four times. Four intimate, visceral executions.

He then places incendiary explosives — magnesium and elemental sodium — inside the weapon crates. When he detonates them, the torrential rain reacts with the sodium, creating an unstable, blinding, white-hot chemical fire that vaporizes everything it touches. The bodies of the guards are consumed in the inferno.

The Rain and the Magnesium (The Funeral Pyre)

When Rubicon reports the kills to Lieutenant Weasel, the desk-killer mocks him for feeling remorse, stating he would have done it faster and felt nothing. The psychopath in the office belittles the trauma of the boy covered in blood. *This is your leadership. This is your policy.*

> **“Lt Weasel, in his usual know-it-all mood, berated my choices, but I really didn’t care. His word on planning meant nothing anymore. Then he started digging into me regarding the killings. He told me he was surprised, that he didn’t think I would have the guts to go through with it. He told me how he would have done it better, and faster, and never felt sorrow or care. Bill could see me getting agitated and he walked behind me and put both hands on my shoulders and squeezed and pushed me down.**
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> **“I didn’t get sick when I killed those men, but it was an extremely sickening feeling – like you know you’ve done something seriously wrong. However, you console yourself with accolades and “job well done”, and try hard to believe that this killing had a reason based in truth. Lt Col Dave Grossman in On Killing, uses unsubstantiated guess work based upon out of context blathering to assume killing is like sex, that plunging a knife into the body of another is like plunging your dick into another – which it most assuredly is not! I know what sex is Col, even if you don’t. And I know what killing is Col, and know for a fact that you don’t. You are like “virgins talking about sex”. Unless you are a psychopath or sociopath, killing up close is a heinous feeling which you learn to force down and control, at the time.**
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> **“These killings, even if self-condoned at the time, come back with all the force of vengeance they deserve later, and for the rest of your life. These men, almost 42 years later, continue to remind me what I did to them, and perhaps their families. I am fully aware of what I helped do to their country.”**
>
> *— ibid*

Guatemalan Swamp Convoy (June 1981): The Blood-Mud

> ***“ Guatemala had seen non-stop US meddling and regime change, right wing death squads, and a very determined rebel backlash.”***

> ***“Damn'd spies and informers, damn'd friends and damn'd liars”***

> - Swift
>
> — X Rubicon, *Guatemalan Swamp Convoy*

The culmination of the somatic horror. A massive logistical convoy — nearly 100 vehicles carrying roughly 1,000 personnel — is winding around a lone hill in a dense swamp. Rubicon mines the road, fells a massive tree to block the exit, and calls in three separate AC-130H gunships.

When the trap is sprung, it is an apocalypse. For forty-five minutes, the gunships fire thousands of rounds of 20mm, 40mm, and 105mm shells. Rubicon sits in a sniper perch on the hill, systematically picking off anyone who attempts to climb out of the kill zone.

> **“In 1981 an AC-130-H Spectre gunship in full stealth attack mode carried twin 20mm electric Gatling guns, a 40mm Bofors gun which fired multi-round clips in rapid succession, and a 105mm Howitzer cannon. Each 20mm round explodes with the force of a grenade with corresponding shrapnel. The twin mount was designed to place a round in every square foot of a football field size area. Depending upon needs, every 10th or 20th round is a tracer round with red phosphorus which burns when exposed to oxygen. The idea is to give a pilot a visual perspective of where his rounds are heading at night, or low visibility conditions – tracer rounds are also utilized in small arms such as the M-16. Those rounds also cause extensive burns and painful death when hit by the round or shrapnel. A 105mm round can vaporize a human being when it explodes next to them, or it may vaporize half their body within 25 yards. Concussion and shrapnel will kill for several yards after that; and, if white phosphorus is utilized, which is supposed to be against international law, yet gets used anyway, a person will suffer an excruciating death from chemical burning which will not relent until the chemical reaction is spent.”**
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> — X Rubicon, *Guatemalan Swamp Convoy*

When the guns fall silent, Rubicon descends to perform the “Clean Up.”

Look at the ground. The dry dirt road has been turned into a thick, sucking mud — but the moisture is not rain. It is the blood of a thousand human beings. Rubicon is crawling on his hands and knees through pools of human blood, smelling the overpowering, metallic stench of iron and copper mixed with burning white phosphorus. He is looking at bodies with holes the size of basketballs burned

through their torsos by illegal chemical munitions. He is looking at human beings missing the top halves of their skulls. And he is forced to put his pistol to the heads of the agonizingly wounded and pull the trigger, over and over, because the CIA demands a flawless body count.

As Dr. Juan Idalgo notes clinically, this level of carnage permanently alters the operator's DNA and neurobiology. It shatters the frontal lobe. It is the genesis of decades of peritraumatic night terrors.

You cannot separate yourself from this blood. When you read this, you must realize that *you* purchased the white phosphorus. *You* paid for the AC-130s. *You* enjoyed the artificially low prices of the global market secured by this slaughter.

Every time you stood for the anthem, every time you thanked a veteran for their service without asking what that service required, every time you voted for the "Angel in Public" who ordered this destruction in secret — you were standing in that blood-mud. You pulled the trigger.

You are responsible.

> **"To this day I feel the guilt and responsibility of these actions. It astounds me that I went so long with such a *laissez-faire* attitude about killing. When people say "Thank you for your service" it makes me cringe. While other people rise and sing the National Anthem, I feel disgust and pain. When at meetings where people rise to "Pledge Allegiance", I can't make myself say it, and I want to stop my kids from saying it. At points you use excuses to defend yourself, against yourself. "They would have killed YOU". "They knew what they were getting into when they joined". All the excuses are true, yet the overriding fact remains, that this was a civil war and we (the US) had no business being there, which means I had no business being there. This wasn't civil war over moral issues of freedom and justice (except for the indigenous people who comprised the bulk of the rebels), this was civil war to further business interests and power and strengthen colonial power – just like everything Britain, France, the US, etc… sticks their noses into."**
>
> *— ibid*

> ***"Never be afraid of your tears. Cowards don't cry. Only men cry."***
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> *— Jacinto Canek*

The Epistemology of the Void: A Philosophical Autopsy of Psychological Warfare

If El Salvador was the theater of naked, kinetic psychopathy, Guatemala exceeded and was something arguably more insidious. Guatemala was the laboratory where the American empire perfected the assassination of Truth.

What the CIA and Edward Bernays executed in 1954, and what the military-industrial complex maintained for the next thirty-six years, was not merely a physical genocide of the Mayan people. It was an epistemological holocaust. They realized that to sustain an empire of plunder in the modern age, you do not just need to conquer the body; you must totally hijack the mind.

This requires a bifurcated psychological assault, waged simultaneously on two fronts.

The First Front: The Mutilation of the Victim's Reality
In the jungles of Guatemala, this assault manifested as Operation PBSUCCESS and the KUBARK manuals. The CIA discovered that the most effective way to subjugate a population is to plunge them into a schizophrenic nightmare where reality itself can no longer be trusted. Phantom armies broadcast over pirate radio. Explosions without ordnance. The systematic "disappearing" of citizens, engineered to trap families in a paralyzed, ambiguous grief. This is the weaponization of the absurd. As Albert Camus noted, when the absurd is weaponized by the state, it strips the victim of their orientation to reality, leaving them exhausted, terrified, and utterly compliant. The CIA did not just steal the land of the Maya; they stole their sanity.

The Second Front: The Anesthesia of the American Citizen
But the empire cannot sustain this level of foreign barbarism if the domestic population remains tethered to a functioning moral conscience. Therefore, the second front of psychological warfare was waged against the American electorate.

Edward Bernays and the Dulles brothers understood that the American consumer is highly susceptible to comforting fictions. To sanitize the corporate theft of Guatemala, they engineered a master-illusion: they painted the victims as the aggressors. They transformed starving indigenous peasants asking for land reform into a terrifying, existential "Communist Threat."

This was not a passive deception; it was the active, clinical induction of mass dissociation. The American public became the first successful test subjects of the CIA's psychological warfare. By consuming the Bernays propaganda, the citizen was granted permission to sever their empathy. They were allowed to drink their coffee and eat their cheap fruit without tasting the blood of the *desaparecidos*.

This is the ultimate philosophical crime of the American empire. It is the absolute corruption of *Conscientia* — the shared knowledge of humanity. The state constructed a massive, soundproof void between the American living room and the Guatemalan killing fields.

But as Abraham Joshua Heschel warned, the truth cannot be permanently buried. The somatic horrors experienced by Rubicon — the agonizing, physical reality of the knife, the blood-mud, the crying infant — are the undeniable proof that the Bernays illusion is a fragile, paper-thin lie.

When you, the citizen, choose to believe the sanitized propaganda of the State Department over the unredacted trauma of the combat veteran, you are not a victim of deception. You are a willing participant in the epistemology of the void. You are choosing the comfort of the lie over the agony of your own humanity.

Angel in Public, Devil in Secret: The Lineage of the Liars

Two Faces Of Empire (Angel in Public - Devil in Secret)

The sheer, overwhelming violence of the Guatemalan jungle — the blood-mud, the chemical fires, the execution of the wounded — was not an anomaly of the Cold War. It was the deliberate, required outcome of the American presidency.

To maintain the empire of the North, the American political system relies on a profound psychological maneuver, perfectly defined by Jim Kable: **“Angel in public - Devil in secret.”**

The American electorate demands an Angel. They require a leader who stands at a brightly lit podium, speaks in soothing cadences about “human rights,” “the defense of liberty,” and “the rules-based international order.” The citizen needs this performance to avoid the catastrophic moral injury of recognizing that their suburban comfort is subsidized by mass murder.

But the empire requires a Devil. It requires a chief executive willing to sign the classified Findings that authorize the CIA to overthrow democracies, arm death squads, and deploy AC-130H gunships to incinerate indigenous populations fighting for their own land.

This duality is not a bug in the American system; it ***is*** the operating system. It is a lineage of corruption and blood that stretches unbroken across every modern presidency.

The Presidential Ledger of Blood

Let us look at the "Angels" and measure them by the corpses they produced in secret.

Harry Truman expanded the hysterical anti-communist violence, signed the National Security Act that birthed the CIA, dropped atomic bombs on civilian cities to project power, and quietly accepted the suitcase of Zionist cash that secured the ethnic cleansing of Palestine.

Dwight D. Eisenhower left office delivering his famous, hypocritical warning about the "military-industrial complex" — a complex he himself had eagerly utilized to its absolute extent. It was Eisenhower who smiled his grandfatherly grin while his friends, the Dulles brothers, orchestrated Operation PBSUCCESS in Guatemala and overthrew Mossadegh in Iran, prioritizing United Fruit and Anglo-Iranian Oil over human lives.

John F. Kennedy, the Camelot prince of peace, launched the Bay of Pigs, initiated the terrorism of Operation Mongoose against Cuba, and ignited the covert escalation in Southeast Asia, all while laying the geopolitical groundwork for Israel's nuclear impunity.

Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act while fabricating the Gulf of Tonkin incident to feed millions of young men into the meat grinder of Vietnam.

Richard Nixon spoke of the "Silent Majority" and "Peace with Honor" while illegally carpet-bombing Cambodia, facilitating the rise of the Khmer Rouge, and orchestrating the overthrow of Salvador Allende in Chile.

Jimmy Carter, as we have exhaustively documented, smiled… and built houses for the poor and won the Nobel Peace Prize, while secretly listening to death threats against Archbishop Romero and authorizing his assassination, selling out the Palestinians, authorizing the Afghan mujaheddin (birthing al-Qaeda), and deploying Rubicon to slaughter thousands in Central America.

And then came Ronald Reagan

Reagan perfected the Angel/Devil paradigm. He played the heroic, folksy American cowboy — the "Great Communicator" who spoke of a "shining city on a hill." In secret, he made it his special cause to violently crush the resistance in Central America. Reagan industrialized the proxy war. He authorized the illegal funding of the Contras through a pipeline lubricated by the CIA's complicity in the cocaine and heroin trade.

But nowhere was Reagan's demonic duality more visible than in Guatemala. In 1982, at the absolute zenith of the "Silent Holocaust" — while the *Kaibiles* were smashing infants' heads against trees and burning Mayan villages to ash — Reagan flew to Central America to meet with the Guatemalan dictator, General Efraín Ríos Montt. Standing before the international press, Reagan smiled his grandfatherly smile and publicly declared that Montt was a man of "great personal integrity" who was getting a "bum rap" on human rights (reminds you of EVERY president and Zionist leaders?).

The President of the United States looked at a man orchestrating the systematic extermination of a civilization and provided him with the total, unconditional diplomatic cover of the American empire.

(**Ríos Montt would later be convicted of genocide and crimes against humanity by a Guatemalan court**).

The lineage continues unabated. **Clinton** smiled while sanctions starved half a million Iraqi children. **Bush** played the compassionate conservative while fabricating a war that killed a million Iraqis. **Obama**, another Nobel Peace Laureate, expanded the drone assassination program and destroyed Libya. **Trump** stripped the polite rhetoric away, exposing the naked fascism beneath, handing the empire's keys directly to the billionaires. **Biden**, the empathetic patriarch who supported every war, proxy and open for 50 years, bypassed Congress to arm the extermination of Gaza.

They all built upon the "achievements" of their predecessors to destroy with impunity in the dark — yet remained folksy "God Bless America" "points of light" in public — "Jesus Wept" and they didn't care.

The Mass Dissociation of the Consumer

Why does this system survive? Because the American consumer *wants* it to survive.

The term "Banana Republic" is thrown around casually, often as a joke or a clothing brand. We must explicitly tie this term back to the American consumer. The cheap fruit on your breakfast table, the affordable coffee in your cup, the lithium in your smartphone, the gas in your car — all of it is directly subsidized by the blood of the Mayan people and the psychological destruction of boys like Rubicon.

Edward Gibbon documented this exact trajectory of imperial collapse. The Roman populace willingly surrendered their republic in exchange for the uninterrupted flow of grain from Egypt and blood spectacles in the Colosseum. The modern American consumer has struck the exact same Faustian bargain. In exchange for unseasonably cheap produce, endless consumer electronics, and the narcotic of domestic comfort, the citizenry willingly surrenders its moral oversight, outsourcing the necessary violence to a clandestine mercenary class. An empire that requires the continuous, secret slaughter of foreign populations to maintain its domestic complacency is already in a state of terminal, irreversible decay.

When you purchase these goods, you are participating in the final step of a supply chain lubricated by human slaughter.

Yet, the American public engages in a clinical, mass psychological dissociation. The public willfully consumes the "Angel in Public" because confronting the "Devil in Secret" would trigger a catastrophic moral injury. It's absurdly funny, and sick, DEA commercial advertisements that when you consume drugs you're supporting cartel violence, and that violence and the cartels are supported and propped up by that same DEA and CIA. To admit that your morning coffee is paid for by a CIA death squad requires a reckoning that the ego violently resists. ***Your ignorance is not a lack of information; it is a chosen, active psychological defense mechanism to protect your own comfort.***

As Juan Idalgo notes, you choose the anesthesia of propaganda over the agony of truth.

The Declaration of Conscience

> ***"There have been many theories espoused concerning the fall of Rome (and these same theories could apply to any imperial government); but the fact of the matter is Rome and other imperial governments fail for a few basic reasons. First, you cannot steal (peace, land, property, lives) from the rest of the world and expect respect – only hate and anger. If the legislative power (Representatives and Senate) is too weak and relinquishes its authority to kings, emperors, presidents, and executive agency then all decision making is done in secret with power and perpetuation of the status quo in mind. What is that status quo? In a word, Corruption. All governments fail from Corruption because they fail to defeat it, rather they choose to appease it for personal gain. Legislators' and party pockets are lined with corporate and foreign cash. Presidents lose their better sensibilities (if they ever had any – yes you Obama) and seek power through foreign interventions and stealing. Understanding history will spell out in detail that Corruption killed Rome, and it will kill the US."***
>
> — X Rubicon, *Boys And Men*

Ignorantia non excusat. Ignorance is no excuse.

We return to the fundamental thesis of *Crossing Rubicons*. In a democracy, the citizen is the ultimate author of state action. You do not get to outsource the violence to the CIA and the military, reap the economic and geopolitical benefits of their slaughter, and then wash your hands when the mass graves are exhumed.

Every time you pull the lever for a politician who funds proxy wars; every time you pay taxes that purchase white phosphorus; every time you wave a flag and thank a veteran for their service without daring to ask what that service required them to do — you are standing in the blood-mud of the Guatemalan swamp. You are holding the knife. You are pulling the trigger.

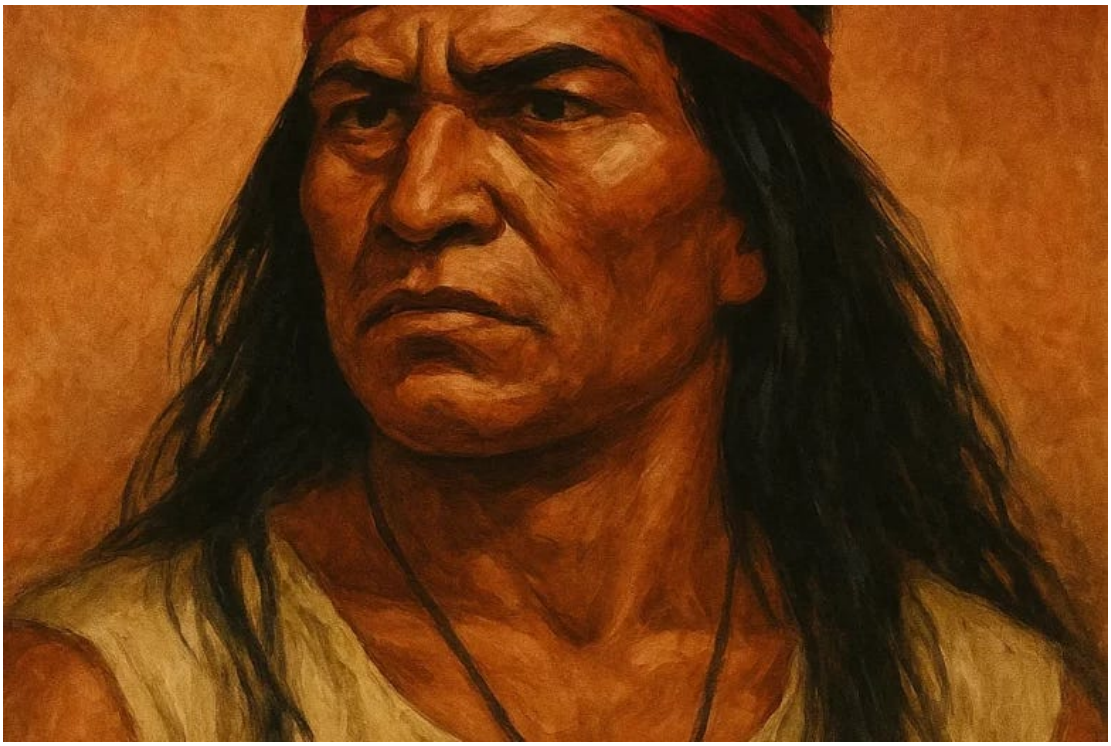
"The challenge we face is a test of our integrity. We are all on trial, we are all under judgment. The issue is not political or social expediency. The issue is whether we are morally strong, whether we are… worthy to answer… Shall we continue to be deaf, shall we continue to be sensitive only when our own needs and interests are involved?"
— Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Insecurity of Freedom*

The time for performative innocence is over. The documents are leaked and/or declassified. Mission logs have been verified by the U.S. ODNI. The veterans have testified. The bodies have been counted and/or exposed by the veterans.

You must integrate the Devil you have funded into the Angel you voted for, and accept your absolute complicity in the whole of it. You must demand the truth, you must speak it without fear, and you must refuse to be the compliant, dissociated battery powering a machine of death.

If you fail to stand witness, if you fail to act against the slaughter conducted in your name—you fail humanity.

> ***"In faith, the spirit rests; in reason, it lives; in love, it rejoices; only in pain does it become conscious."***



— Jacinto Canek

> ***“There is an evil which most of us condone and are even guilty of: indifference to evil. We remain neutral, impartial, and not easily moved by the wrongs done to other people. Indifference to evil is more insidious than evil itself; it is more universal, more contagious, more dangerous. A silent justification, it makes possible an evil erupting as an exception becoming the rule and being in turn accepted.”***
>
> — Abraham Joshua Heschel, The Insecurity of Freedom

LISTEN NOW · 5:12

Llegará el amanecer, Mayan Guatemalan Rebel Song (lyrics and English translation, The Dawn Will Come, below)

The Wrath of Kukulkan (The Indigenous Resistance)

Me levanto de mañana para ver salir el sol.

Ilumina con sus rayos el jardín de la esperanza.

El repique del tambor, la marimba,

la guitarra.

Aunaron ya su canto a la gran celebración. ¿Cómo no?

Llegar la aurora eso y sonreída por Guatemala Libre la felicidad.

Un saludo a mis hermanos. renacerá aquí luchando la felicidad construyendo desde ant

renacerá es el pueblo que amanece con

paciencia lucha esfuerzo de la oscura pesadilla por los siglos desangrado

recupera a guerrido la cultura deical Te pan y del quiché ante el rock y rock and roll.

Llegar la aurora tinguitan y reírataan la felicidad reinas la felicidad será.

Hoy construyes Guatemala

tu derecho a despertar ante el asombro del mundo que te verá florecer.

Multipájaros colores con variedad de arte

interpretan en un puño el canto de la unidad. Sí, señor.

Llegar la Estamos construyendo y sonreídas.

Esa aurora es nuestra la felicidad será.

Que viva la felicidad.

Viva este pueblo guatemalteco.

Que viva Centroamérica.

Ahora vamos todos a luchar.

Y sonreira la aurora llegará.

Llegará la Aurora. Canta y sonreírá. Sonrá.

Llegar la Aurora por la carretera sonreírá.

Ea llegará la aurora con bongo y tambor y sonreí con chirinía llegar a la hor aora

de Guatemala y sonreída para todo el mundo que gana la horror y desde todo el mundo y sonreídas para Guatemala.

Aurora viva, viva, viva.

Viva la lucha por la llegará la aurora. Sí, señor. Y sonreírá.

Llegar la aurora. Ah.

[English]

I wake up in the morning to watch the sun rise.

Its rays illuminate the garden of hope.

The beat of the drum, the marimba,

the guitar.

They've already joined their song to the great celebration.

How could they not?

As dawn breaks, happiness smiles upon a Free Guatemala.

Greetings to my brothers and sisters. Happiness will be reborn here through struggle, building from the very beginning

Happiness will be reborn—it is the people who dawn with

patience, struggle, and effort, emerging from the dark nightmare that has bled them dry for centuries

Guerrido recovers the culture of Deical, Te Pan, and the Quiché, set to rock and rock and roll.

As dawn breaks, happiness will reign; happiness will be.

Today you are building Guatemala

your right to awaken before the wonder of the world that will see you flourish.

A multitude of colorful birds, with a variety of art,

interpret the song of unity in a clenched fist. Yes, sir.

The dawn is coming—we are building and smiling.

That dawn is ours; happiness will be.

Long live happiness.

Long live the Guatemalan people.

Long live Central America.

Now let's all fight.

And with a smile, the dawn will come.

The dawn will come. Sing and smile. Smile.

The dawn will come along the highway, smiling.

Yes, the dawn will come with bongos and drums,

and I'll smile with joy as it arrives at the hour

of Guatemala, and smiles for everyone who overcomes horror,

and from all over the world, smiles for Guatemala.

Long live the dawn, long live, long live.

Long live the struggle—the dawn will come. Yes, sir. And I'll smile.

The dawn is coming. Ah.

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About *Crossing Rubicons & GP&R*

People involved have their own voices and peculiarities in speech. Each has many years of experience. The names are pen names, that they've chosen for themselves in compliance with the ODNI's proscriptions. The occupations and details are actual. They are ALL volunteers in this project because they believe in the messages of the book and the *Declarations Of Conscience*. Each one chose to volunteer after becoming familiar with Rubicon's and Sean's experiences.

Jules Bond is the chief editor of X Rubicon and Crossing Rubicons. She is a former research librarian, she has thirty years experience researching complex cross relational topics in all fields. Jules regularly contributes to essays.

Sophia Rose is an artist. She painted *Life Begets Life*, as a gift to Rubicon, which was used for the cover of *X Rubicon*. She also painted *Stalking in the Field of Death* for the book. She continues to provide original artwork and opinions in publishing decisions; and, from time to time, she contributes to essays.

Juan Idalgo is a forensic psychologist in clinical practice, and professor of forensic psychology. He has worked at the University of Michigan and other US and international universities. Rubicon and Sean first met him in 2021. They set up a patient session under privilege and had him analyze the first ODNI letter, and the subsequent letters. Quotes obtained from that first session were utilized in the book. He later wrote the *Forensic & Clinical Reading of X Rubicon and Crossing Rubicons' Expansions... "emotional nakedness that is rare in war literature."* and became a regular contributor to Crossing Rubicons. Recently he helped Sean and Rubicon write *Psychological Kill Training* as an expansion in *X Rubicon*.

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educational contracting laws in Michigan. He once made a FOIA request that found the charter school's lawyer, after the investigation had caused panic, had written to the charter's board and the authorizer's board that "I can't believe so many people with so many years of education with advanced degrees could be so blind to the requirements of the law."

Rubicon spent just under three years as a military Scout. During that time he was awarded the "AF Cross, 2 Silver Stars, 4 Bronze Stars, Defense Superior Service Medal, AF Good Conduct Medal, and the CIA Distinguished Service Medal" (ODNI). When he refused to kill further, he was stripped of these awards and was abandoned with his PTSD and Moral Injury by the military and thrown away. Due to proscriptions laid out in negotiations and three written ODNI letters, we don't give further information on Rubicon nor Sean, to protect identities and to comply with the ODNI.

Sean Griobhtha (gree-O-tah) is an Army Ranger combat veteran. He is the author of **X Rubicon: Crossing Life, Sex, Love, & Killing in CIA Proxy Wars: An indictment of US Citizens: *ignorantia non excusat***, which details the life of Rubicon ("2.5 years Deception & Death; 40+ years locking away Emotions & Truth"). His time as a Ranger (1978-82) involved participation in Operation Eagle Claw, and subsequent lead of his team in Central American and South American CIA operations, similar to Rubicon's. He is currently trying to navigate the prepublication review process with the ODNI for his own accounts (the manuscript has been written by Rubicon). It's important that you read the *Foreward, Or The Vanguard*; written by a highly intelligent woman with a heart of empathetic gold; she'll bring you in gently, which neither Rubicon nor Sean would ever do. Due to proscriptions laid out in negotiations and three written ODNI letters, we don't give further information on Rubicon nor Sean, to protect identities and to comply with the ODNI.

Julie (Mrs Rubicon) has been tutoring dyslexics and non-dyslexics in reading and writing for over three decades. She has a Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Humanities, and a Master's degree in Pastoral Care and Psychology. She completed Pastoral Care training at the University of Chicago Hospital; and she has worked with various court systems in turning children around. She has volunteered in school sponsored reading programs where we've again witnessed her skill in improving even the most recalcitrant students. She holds teaching certification in Orton-Gillingham tutoring from the Michigan Dyslexia Institute. **Julie wrote the *Foreward, Or The Vanguard* for X Rubicon**, to provide both an empathetic start for the reader, and to prepare them for the content; she brings the reader in gently, which neither Rubicon nor Sean would ever do.`

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Crossing Rubicons: Declarations of Conscience

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The authoritative primary source documenting US and CIA atrocities across the hemisphere. The manuscript was cleared by the US Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI).

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For direct access to the official ODNI mandate demanding the kinetic realities of these operations "appear to be fictional," see the archived document here: https://archive.org/details/odni-redacted

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